

Board of Selectmen

October 13, 2016
Regular Session 7:00pm

Present: Mr. Paul Healey, Chairman; Mr. Paul Gannon; Ms. Mary Power; Mr. Ted Alexiades, Town Administrator; Mr. Tom Mayo, Assistant Town Administrator.

A moment of silence was taken in honor of the late John “Chunk” Hennessey who passed away suddenly on October 7, 2016. John had been with the DPW for 28 years.

Approval of Minutes

Voted – A motion was made by Mr. Healey to approve the minutes of September 29, 2016 as amended. All were in favor, 3-0.

Questions from the Public Regarding Items not on the Agenda

There were no questions from the public.

Fresh River Avenue, Water Interconnection

Present: Stephen Olson, Director of Operations, Aquarion Water Co., Harry Sylvester, Hingham, DPW.

Request was received by DPW from Stephen Olson to open the street to install and maintain an interconnection valve in Fresh River Avenue. The valve is needed to connect the Town of Weymouth’s water system to the Town of Hingham’s water system.

Voted – A motion was made by Mr. Healey to grant a waiver to the “Town of Hingham’s rules and Specifications Governing Street Excavations”, adopted by the Board of Selectmen in 1986 as it relates to work to be completed at Fresh River Avenue per requirements provided in the letter dated September 29, 2016 from the Department of Public Works. All were in favor, 3-0.

Traffic Committee - Recommendation for Bike Routes

Present: Chief Glenn Olsson, Harry Sylvester, DPW

The Board of Selectmen was asked by Sgt. David Horte to approve designated bike routes and for them to be marked accordingly by the DPW.

Resident Rebecca Wetzel, High Street, inquired whether her street would be included on the bike route. Mr. Sylvester responded: “not at this time”.

Voted – a motion was made by Ms. Power to approve the Traffic Committee’s recommendations for Bike Routes to be designated and marked by the DPW at the following locations: Rte 228 from Queen Anne’s Corner to West Corner, Free Street, Union Street, Middle Street, Pear Tree Hill, Main Street to Elm Street and Central Street from Main to Elm Street. All were in favor, 3-0.

Continuation of Bare Cove Park Dog Control Discussion

Chairman Healey stated that there would be a continuation of a discussion from last year and two weeks ago where as the Bare Cove Park Committee and Police Chief Olsson made a recommendation that a leash law be put in place.

The following residents/neighboring town residents voiced their opinions regarding the recommended Bare Cove Park Dog Regulation and Implementation Plan:

John Hersey, 65 Hersey Street
Virginia O'Connell, 143 Downer Ave
Jane Gilmartin, 6 West Street
Timothy Martin, 86 Kimball Beach
Rebecca Wetzel, 35 High Street
Katy Sutton, 245 Leavitt
Elaine Burtner George, 804 Tuckers Lane
Marsha Stevens, 209 Gardner Street
Debbie Minor, 51 Myrtle St., Weymouth
Trish Karins, 240 Central St., Norwell
Gia Ramza, 17 Franklin Rodgers Rd
Isabelle Gilmartin, 6 West Street
Melissa Wish, Leonard Street
Chris Dems, 12 Bel Air Road
Jamie Bryant, Thicket St., Weymouth
Matt Price, Weymouth
Eric Cohen, Braintree
Jill Parker, 1601 Tuckers Lane

A discussion was had among the Board of Selectmen concerning the proposed Implementation Plan.

Mr. Gannon was in favor of appointing a committee to come up with a compromise proposal that addressed everyone's concerns.

Ms. Power recapped the steps taken by the Town over the past year to enable dogs to remain off leash while addressing safety and environmental concerns raised by citizens and the Bare Cove Park Committee. Ms. Power referred to the Police Chief's letter stating that voice control is subjective and not enforceable. Ms. Power stated that she agree with this statement and that, since all the proposed alternatives included some form of dogs remaining off leash in Bare Cove Park, she could not support any of them.

Voted – A motion was made by Mr. Healey to adopt the Bare Cove Park Dog Regulation and Implementation Plan as recommended by Police Chief Glenn Olsson. Vote was 2-1 with Mr. Gannon opposed to the Bare Cove Park Dog Regulation.

Hingham Recreation Committee members presented Annual Update

The Hingham Recreation Committee provided an annual review of the Recreation staff, programs, performance to date, accomplishments, marketing and future goals.

Present: Mark Thorell, Director, Recreation; Vicki Donlan, Recreation Committee Chair; Bruce Thompson, Vice Chair; Adrienne Ramsey, Recreation Committee.

Ms. Donlan asked the Board of Selectmen to consider approval to go forward with CPC application funding of \$50,000 for new play area. A vote was not taken as it was not on the Agenda.

The following members of the public spoke on this topic:

Fran Donlan, 12 Floret Circle
Deidre Anderson, 31 Old Colony Road and member of Harbor Development Committee.
Rebecca Oehlschlaeger, 39 Kimball Beach Road.
Hillary Jenison, 2 Rockwood Road.

Chairman Healey suggested that due to the genuinely different views and perspectives that the town proceeds carefully and thoughtfully on this topic.

Update from the Trustees of the Bathing Beach

Present: Alan Perrault, Chairman

A discussion took place concerning the Bath House – Concession Building.

The Trustees have scheduled a site visit for all interested parties on Saturday, October 15th at 3:00p.m. at the Bathing Beach parking lot on Otis Street.

Harbor Development Resiliency Improvement Plan

Present: Bill Reardon, Chair, and Deirdre Anderson, Harbor Development Committee.

Bill Reardon presented “Resiliency Improvement Feasibility Study”. The Board expressed its concurrence with the priorities set by the Harbor Development Committee, and suggested that required work on the Town Pier and Barnes Wharf be completed at the same time for reasons including economies of scale.

Votes:

Voted – Mr. Gannon made the motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to Galley Kitchen & Bar for the Mad Love Music Festival at the Hingham Conservatory. All were in favor: 3-0.

Voted – Ms. Power made the motion to approve the issuance of a Special (One Day) Wine and Malt Beverages license to The Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and St. Paul’s for the Celtic Clerics Performance to be held on Friday, November 4, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm at Resurrection Read Hall. All were in favor: 3-0.

Voted – Mr. Healey excused himself. Ms. Power made the motion to extend the date for finalizing the lease on Barnes Wharf to December 2, 2016. All were in favor: 2-0.

Selectmen/Town Administrator Reports

Mr. Gannon made note of the reopening of the Cracker Barrel – “happy to see all of the kids there – nice feel”. Also mentioned that he met with Ann Marie Galvin, Scituate F.A.C.T.S., who has offered to speak in Hingham about substance abuse awareness.

Mr. Healey - Thanked those who attended the Seaman Herbert Foss Annual Recognition Ceremony on Weds at the Fort Hill Cemetery. He also pointed out the outstanding police work of John Grady, midnight – 8 shift, who made an arrest (break-in Center) and cleared within one hour – “well done”. Mr. Gannon also recognized Officer Matthew Shinney for his assistance in helping a woman that was stuck in her car on the RR track.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Sally Sinclair

Approved October 27, 2016

Documents: (A complete meeting packet of supporting documentation is on file and available for public review in the Board of Selectmen’s Office).

1. Fresh River Avenue – Water System Interconnection correspondence.
2. Traffic Committee Recommendation - Bike Routes to be designated and marked by DPW.
3. Hingham Recreation Presentation – Annual Update.
4. Bare Cove Park Dog Regulations.
5. Hingham Recreation Review, September 2016.
6. Bath House – Concession Building Floor Plan Concept; Bath House – Concession Building Concept Renderings; Bath House- Concession Building Site Plan Concept.
7. Harbor Development Committee Resiliency Improvement Feasibility Study.